

A Publication of News and Events



Just about every Wednesday evening around 7:30 there is a meeting in the Town Office. All concerned citizens are encouraged to attend and become knowledgeable about the various facets of the development process.

Cheryl Lewis, President/Town Commissioner, November Town Meeting

Hopefully 20 years from now we still will. (In response to a citizen's concern about retaining greenbelts and natural habitat, where she enjoys seeing bald eagles fly over her home.)

Edgar Harrison, Town Commissioner (and Planning Committee Chairman)
November Town Meeting

HOLIDAY CHURCH SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE

St. Paul's Episcopal

8:00 p.m.

Trappe United Methodist

7:00 p.m.

Trappe Wesleyan

7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Scott's United Methodist

10:00 a.m. informal reflections followed by Brunch

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Scott's United Methodist

9:00 p.m. – midnight "Watch Night" Service



Trappe Town Council November Meeting

- Ordinance 6-2003, to establish Floating Zones was re-introduced and a public hearing was held.
- A second public hearing on Ordinance 7-2003, to create a "Planned Neighborhood" floating Zone was held.
- Ordinance 7-2003 the "PN" Planned Neighborhood Zone was passed during the regular meeting.
- Per a request from the County, Edgar Harrison was nominated to sit on the Talbot County Gateway taskforce.
- Paul Moore introduced a request to annex the 25-foot remnant of his building lot into the Town.
- The Council appointed Norm Fegel to report on the Cable TV company requests for contract renewal.
- The Council agreed to accept ownership of the portions of Piney Hill and Barber roads included in the Annexation if Talbot County wishes to transfer them.
- Mr. Fegel was selected as Town rep. on the newly formed "Community Events Committee" to assist in community fundraisers.
- The Town agreed to purchase equipment for the Town Planner, Frank Hall, to be reimbursed per our annexation agreement.
- The Council approved an economic impact study of the proposed Allen Rocks development be conducted to be reimbursed....

Trappe Planning Commission agreed to submit their recommendation for Fee in Lieu of Open Space to the Town Council in December and have been working on Design Guidelines in Wednesday Night Workshops, which are open to the public.

Information from the Town Clerk:

- The Town Office will be closed for Christmas on Dec. 25 & 26th.
- Special CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP: January 9th. Trees only.



Trappe POTTERY IS HERE and available for immediate purchase at the Town Office.

Stop by for last minute Christmas gifts!!

The Index is now available online, along with lots of other local info. Visit the town Web site: www.trappemd.net Logon today!!

The Index is a publication of the Trappe Town Council. We welcome contributions and short articles that are of general interest to the community. Events reported in *The Index* do not necessarily reflect the endorsement of the Town Commissioners. The Commissioners reserve the right to edit or reject any item





Perhaps Trappe's most unique landmark is the "igloo" in front of the Trappe Packing/Paris Foods compound on the westbound side of Route 50, across from Greenfield Avenue. It sits at the entrance to what was once Trappe Frozen Foods, one of at least 17 canneries that operated in Trappe District in earlier days of the town's history.

Trappe Packing/Paris Foods, a manufacturing outlet for packaged frozen vegetables, acquired the property in 1976 and still operates from the site today. The company built the igloo in 1977 as a place for customers to view and purchase frozen food products. The front portion of the building was a customer area with display cases; the rear housed a 300-square-foot

freezer. Two years later the igloo was closed, but remained as a well-known local marker for more than two decades.

Recently, the igloo has been refurbished and converted to a gym as an employee perk. The geodesic workout room includes treadmills, an elliptical stretch training machine, and a large climbing wall.

At this time of year, small children may wonder if elves are inside tinkering toys for delivery on Christmas Eve. Perhaps that climbing wall is really a way for a certain jolly gentlemen to load treasures into a rooftop sleigh . . .



Crabfeast in November ~ "Blessed Day"

Donald Brown, Rhonda Blackwell, and Walter Thomas (left to right) enjoy a crab feast on a balmy, early November day at the home of Mr. Brown near Homerun Baker Park. How to describe such a rare and pleasant day? Donald Brown said it best: "It's a blessed day."



A Season of Candles

By Ann Dorbin

This is a season using light as part of many celebrations. Many of those candle arrangements look similar, but they each have a special significance to celebrants.

Advent wreaths originated in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic peoples who, during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope in a coming spring and renewed light. Christians kept these popular traditions alive, and by the 16th century Catholics and Protestants throughout Germany used these symbols to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ, the everlasting Light. From Germany the use of the Advent wreath spread to other parts of the Christian world. Traditionally, the wreath is made of four candles in a circle of evergreens. Three candles are violet and the fourth is rose, but four white candles or four violet candles can also be used. Each day, the candles are lighted, perhaps before the evening meal—one candle the first week, and then another each succeeding week until December 25th. A short prayer may accompany the lighting.



Hanukkah is a festival of light and giving. It is celebrated by Jewish people all over the world. Candles are lit and gifts are exchanged to celebrate a miracle that happened along time ago in Judea—the land we now call Israel. A menorah holds nine candles and is the center of Hanukkah celebrations. Each night, for eight nights, gifts are exchanged and another candle is lit from one special candle—the Shamash, which means "helper."

Kwanzaa begins on December 26 and lasts until January 1. is a holiday that celebrates the African tradition of gathering together at the end of the harvest. Mishumas Saba (mee-SHOO-maah sah-BAH) are the seven candles (three orange, one black, and three green) that symbolize the seven principles of Kwanzaa. These principles are Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity), and Imani (faith). One candle is lit each day, beginning with the black one in the middle.





Remembering Gifts of a Special Season:

100 Things to Love About Trappe

(Here are a few, please send in your own until we reach 100)

- 1 People wave to each other
- 2 Stories told about "the good old days" by those who remember when
- 3 The beautiful farmland that surrounds us
- 4 Little League baseball games
- 5 Main Street at Christmastime (YES!!!)
- 6 Our Town Commissioners and the folks at the Town Office
- 7 Good humor at Town Meetings
- 8 Our dedicated and hardworking Fire Department
- 9 People walking Main St. with baby strollers, pets, jogging shoes, work boots, skateboards, bedroom slippers, barefoot, etc.



St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Main Street will have beautiful fresh-cut Christmas trees and freshly-made wreaths. Saturdays 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon and Sundays 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. while supplies last. There is a limited number of trees available. To reserve a tree or wreath, call Mary Getsinger at 410.476.3035 or the Church Office, 410.476.3048, and leave a message.

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Whitby of Main Street. Congratulations on a wonderful accomplishment!

Pasta Noel

by Ann E. Dorbin



Town Clerk, Joedy Cecil taste-tests the sauce



Commissioner, Bob Niemeyer in the kitchen



Chow Down! Morgan (9) and Casey (7) Everett, daughters of Chad & Lee Everett pile it on—Yum Yum!



On November 7, 2003, employees of the Town of Trappe hosted a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for new Christmas decorations for the town. The dinner was the first of a series of regular monthly meals to help promote community spirit and support various town organizations. The opening event was a smashing success, attracting over 150 customers. According to Joedy Cecil, Town Clerk, the spaghetti dinner raised almost \$900, which was used to purchase eight new lighted Christmas ornaments and to pay for added electrical hookups along Main Street. The Town also plans to purchase banners to hang on Lakeview Drive and in La Trappe Heights.

"We were so pleased with how the community responded," Cecil added. "It will be wonderful to see our town lit up for the holidays."

Cheryl Lewis, president of the Trappe Town Commissioners, added the town dinners will allow town organizations to be supported by "more of a common effort than a taxpayer expense."

Many thanks go out to those who donated time and materials to the spaghetti dinner, including Acme, B.J. & Son Contractors, Billy and Joedy Cecil, Ann and Richard Dorbin, Nancy Dunn, Don & Margaret English, Drake Ferguson, Jeanie George & family, Giant Food, Golden Corral, Quifferdio's Pizza, Frank Hall & family, Hopkins Sales, Cheryl Lewis & family, Bobby & Shirley Quidas, Bob & Nora Niemeyer, Paris Foods Corp., Safeway, Seasonal Flowers, Margaret Smith, SuperFresh, Trappe Volunteer Fire Department, Trappe United Methodist Church, and WCEM Radio. Thanks to the Outten family for constructing the electric hook up boxes. A special thank you to Rick Hudkins and Charter Communications for installing the ornaments on a cold, windy day. And thanks to all our hungry citizens for their support. The January meal will be a meatloaf dinner, hosted by Friends of Homerun Baker Park, and the Town employees will be back serving chili and sausage in February.








WHITE MARSH ELEMENTARY NEWS

As part of the Talbot County Strategic Plan, one of our goals is to distribute school newsletters into the community, beyond just the students and parents of this school. To achieve this we would like to send copies to local churches, community centers, and businesses. If you are a member of one of these organizations and would like to help spread the news of White Marsh Elementary, please give Mr. Lankford a call at 410.476.3144 or send him an email at llankford@tcps.k12.md.us

The White Marsh PTO has received a grant from the Talbot County Arts Council for cultural assemblies from Shakespeare to Asian fables, lessons in developing musical skills, and teaching the Coretta Scott King Story.

FREE HOLIDAY PROGRAM

On Friday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m., Jack Foraker will present a program with something for persons of every age. Mr. Foraker has been the opening act for numerous big time entertainers and worked with Jim Henson and "The Muppets." His songs of the seasons are awe inspiring and his "Muppets" will have both young and old sharing in a good laugh. The program will be held at St. Lukes United Methodist Church, Denton. Directions: Rt. 328 (Matthewstown Rd.) to stop sign in Denton. Right on old Rt. 404 into downtown Denton, bear right & go up hill about ¼ mile, St. Lukes is on the right. For more information, please contact Pastor Ruthann Simpson of Trappe UMC at 410.476.3384.

 <h1 style="display: inline; margin: 0 20px;">December 2003</h1> 						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 EHS Band Booster Mtg 7:00 PM	3 Town Council Mtg. - 7:30 pm SUMC - 11 am Young @ Heart SUMC - 1:30 pm Bible Study SUMC - 7:00 pm Bible Study	4 Scott's UMC Church School 5 pm Brownies # 906 6:30 pm WMES Winter Program	5 Scott's UMC Free Soup Night November thru February Soup & Fellowship Every Friday Night 5:00 - 7:00 pm	6 WMES Christmas Ornament Workshop & Santa 9:00 am - 12:00 pm SAT I & II Testing
7 Scott's UMC Hanging of the Greens Service 5 pm	8 	9 WMES Girl Scout Cadet Mtg. #289 4:00 - 5:30 pm	10 Town Planning Wrkshp - 7:30 pm SUMC - 11 am Young @ Heart SUMC - 1:30 pm Bible Study SUMC - 7:00 pm Bible Study	11 EMS Parent Coffee 7:15 am SUMC Church School 5 pm EHS Holiday Band 7pm Winter Program	12 	13 7:30 - 10:00 am Country Church Breakfast Trappe UMC
14 Children's Christmas Party Trappe Fire Dept. 2:00 - 4:00 pm		16 WMES Girl Scout Cadet Mtg. #289 4:00 - 5:30 pm EMS BAND (gym) Christmas Concert 7 pm	17 Town Planning Mtg. - 7:30 pm SUMC - 11 am Young @ Heart SUMC - 1:30 pm Bible Study SUMC - 7:00 pm Bible Study	18 SUMC Church School 5 pm SUMC Christmas Prgm 6pm Brownies # 906 6:30 pm EMS Chorus Christmas Concert 7pm	19 Scott's UMC Free Soup Night Every Friday Night 5:00 - 7:00 pm	20
21 Dec 22nd thru Jan 4 Talbot County Schools Closed	22	23	24 SUMC 11 am Young @ Heart SUMC 1:30 pm Bible Study <u>Christmas Eve Services</u> Trappe UMC 7:00 pm Wesleyan Church 7:00 pm St. Paul's Church 8:00 pm	25 SUMC Christmas Reflections & Brunch 10 am CHRISTMAS DAY Town Office Closed for the Holidays	26	27 7:30 - 10:00 am Country Church Breakfast Trappe UMC
28 	29	30	31 SUMC Service "Watch Night" 9:00 pm - Midnight NEW YEAR'S EVE	NEW YEAR'S DAY Town Office Closed for		NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
Please submit Calendar Events and News Items to the Town Office or call Ann Dorbin at 410-476-3910 or email tinman@friend.ly.net						



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Trappe Volunteer Fire Company will host
a Children's Christmas Party
on December 14th From 2:00 To 4:00**

Come join The Fun!

LATE BREAKING NEWS: Just as *The Index* was going to press, the Trappe Volunteer Fire Co, Inc. raised over \$900 on their Soup Day, held November 28th. Soup, crackers, and dessert were served for \$5. Donations by Bagle Bakery, Golden Corral, H&G Restaurant, St. Michaels Harbour Inn & Marina, and friends of the Fire Company. Congratulations! Isn't